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SUBJECT

HVA Strength Statistics

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SOURCE

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EVALUATION OF CONTENT

CUSTOMER COMMENT:

Army

Unfortunately this report cannot be graded "confirmed by other sources." The total strength figure is very close to the 32,000 held here. (The report gives no figure for HVA Headquarters). Our strength figures for individual units are based mainly on defector interrogations, and most of these date back to January, when transfers were still occurring and things were generally in a state of flux. Estimates, therefore, tend towards such statements as "about 1500," or "about 1800." Some are higher than those in this report, some lower; on the average, they are approximately the same.

The Washington Comment raises this question: If the source gave unit designations incorrectly, is he likely to have given exact figures correctly? On the other hand, if the report were a plant, presumably the unit designations would have been correct, and the figures wrong.

Owing to the important nature of the information, a continuing attempt at correct evaluation will be made. Reports from more recent defectors should make this possible.

HEADQUARTERS' COMMENT:

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